

## SELECTIONS FROM THE MAIL.

LET DEMOCRATS MAKE CHANGES.  
CONTINUED PROSPERITY IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR REPUBLICANS.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: I want to say a word about the repeal of the Sherman Act, which the Republican press is recommending. It seems to me that the Republican party will gain nothing by advising the repeal of that act at present. While I see clearly that we shall be compelled before long to limit the coinage of silver, so long as President Harrison has placed the country in a condition of such unparalleled prosperity, and the financial condition on a more solid basis than it has ever been before, and we have a larger per capita circulation of money, and all obtained under a Republican Administration, and confidence fully restored, I think that the true policy of the Republican party is to let things run as they now are, and allow the Democrats to make whatever changes are made to repeal the Sherman Act and stop the compulsory coinage of silver would probably deprive the Government of any means of increasing the volume of our money. Our gold is bound to leave us, whether we repeal the Sherman Act or not. It will go from two or three causes; in the first place, if the Democrats do not make any change in the tariff for the first year or two of Cleveland's Administration, the ratings of the Treasury Department will be such as to cause a large importation of foreign goods, and that will turn the balance of trade, which is now \$200,000,000 in favor of this country, to one largely against us. This, of course, will cause a large exportation of gold to pay the balance.

In the next place, the confidence so essential to business success will not only be destroyed among the business men of this country, in consequence of the change of policy to the Democrats, but also among the large number of foreign investors in our securities, and large quantities of these securities will be sent over here for payment, and gold will be taken from the country to meet these demands.

Another point is this: the Latin Union has stopped the coinage of silver—in fact, nearly all European countries are on a gold basis, and the coinage of silver is exceedingly limited, and they are bound by every means in their power to get hold of gold. If they can, and without having something to add to our currency, with the loss of gold, will have a very strong money power in the country. This is what is to follow Cleveland's Administration if they attempt to carry out the principles of the platform on which he was elected, and if the Republicans cannot repeat the slogan of "Good Will of the People," the disasters of Cleveland's Administration will be held at the door of the Republican party. Hence it seems to me that the wisest policy for this country to pursue is to let Harrison's Administration expire under the existing status of things. E. P. M.

AMERICAN CATHOLICS AND THEIR BISHOPS.  
To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: The thanks of Catholics are due to the Tribune for publishing the statement of the "well-informed man, who is not a Catholic," in the issue of last Saturday. Every word of that statement bears the impress of truth. And its publication at this time is most opportune, when the Church is being placed in a false position before the country by the printing of so much silly glib of men who do not at all reflect the mind of the Church, nor put things in their true light. The authentic report of the Conference of the Archbishops, now made public, shows that there is perfect harmony among the metropolitans on the school question and on the admissibility, at this time, of having a resident representative of the Pope in this country. Then Dr. Burt's recent statement proves (if that were necessary) the sincerity of Archbishop Corrigan when he expressed his satisfaction with the decision of the case of Dr. Mcelyea.

The fact is there is no serious discord in the Church in this country. As a body we are all devoted to the Holy See and to our bishops. And it is our desire that the Church should not be a debating society, but rather what she is, a well disciplined, united army under God and clear-headed commanders, with a clear definite plan of campaign, or, still better, a society organized for definite work, and the keeping of that object cannot be attained without unity of purpose and action. DAVID C. WHITELEY.

North Canaan, Conn., Jan. 8, 1893.

COLLEGE WOMEN AS REGENTS.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: The Board of Regents of the University of State of New York was organized in 1784 as an agency for controlling the relations of the State to education. During three-fourths of the intervening period the only persons qualified to fill the positions on this board were the graduates of the best colleges in the country, and these were exclusively for men. During the last quarter of the century since the board was organized eleven institutions within New-York State have been empowered to furnish college instruction and to grant college degrees to women. Nearly 2,000 women have received degrees from the women's colleges within the State and a considerable number from the four coeducational colleges. With in the same period three large colleges for women have been opened in other States, the great State Universities of the West have all been open to women and several of the colleges for men in the Eastern States have offered graduate courses for women. There has thus come to be a large and intelligent body of well-educated, well-educated women within the State. The educational opportunities open to them make it possible for them to fill as far as preparation is concerned any position in the field of education.

In 1891 eighty-three (83) per cent. of the teachers in the public schools of the State were women, a smaller proportion in academic and collegiate work. Women have, therefore, an active and direct interest in all matters pertaining to education. Has not the time come when women are fitted by education and experience to fill creditably the positions on the highest governing Board of Education in this State? Is not the absence of women on the Board of Regents, after so long an interval, an educational influence of value? Is it not fitting that the place filled so honorably by Mr. George William Curtis should pass to a woman, especially since so large a work for the educational advancement of women is done by Mr. Curtis?

New-York, Jan. 8, 1893.

A DULUTH HOTEL BURNED.

NARROW ESCAPES OF GUESTS AND FIREMEN—ONCE LIVED THOUGHT TO BE LOST.

Duluth, Minn., Jan. 13.—Fire caught in the basement of the St. Louis Hotel this morning and destroyed the building in an hour. Many occupants were compelled to use the fire escapes and ladders of the fire department. Men and women half dressed climbed down the ladders, while the mercury was several degrees below zero. A little child was heard piteously calling for "Papa," through the smoke, and was finally rescued after hard work, half suffocated. There were many narrow escapes and the firemen fear that several lives were lost, as the smoke-filled the building. It is almost certain that one life was lost. The loss will reach \$100,000.

There was scarcely time to save the books in the office. Nearly all the guests lost their property. The building is of brick, five stories high, on Michigan-st., 115x150 feet. It was built in 1883 and was for a long time the only good hotel in the city. It was owned by the Boston Realty Company, of Massachusetts, and was insured for \$65,000, with rent insurance of \$10,000. The American Express Company, and the office of the Western Union Telegraph, in the building, belonging to the same company, but separated from it by a solid wall. The light court in this building caught fire, but it was extinguished. The fire was caused by the explosion of a gas meter in the basement, or by some fire in the laundry.

NOTES FROM ELLIS ISLAND.

At Ellis Island yesterday, six immigrants, who arrived on Thursday on the steamer "Dresden" from Bremen, were detained on the ground that they had been imported into the United States without the permission of their consular officer. A claim for indemnification of their cases has been ordered.

Mrs. Eliza Heins, whose husband was killed a few weeks ago on Ellis Island, has been employed there, and a purse of \$60 was raised for her.

A baggage handler on the island, whose name could not be ascertained, was discharged yesterday for overcharging immigrants.

The officials of Ellis Island had a busy time yesterday, taking care of the large number of immigrants landed there. Happiness at being released from the storm-tossed steamer predominated over the natural feelings of alarm felt by the immigrants at finding themselves in a new country. There were 1,293 from the steamer Dresden, 884 from the Belgenland, and 285 from the Oldman.

BAGGAGE AGENTS TO HAVE A CONVENTION.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—A meeting of the American Association of General Baggage Agents will be held in this city next Wednesday.

AN ATTRACTIVE METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Rev. W. H. H. WYLIE, Pastor, Lenten Services, 1st Ave., and 57th-st.—The service will be held at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sunday evenings, 7:30 p.m.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, Madison-ave. and 64th-st.—The service will be held at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sunday evenings, 7:30 p.m.

THE EYE OF THE WORLD, 1st Ave., and 57th-st.—"Young People's" meeting, 7:30 p.m.

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